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Tuition rises while enrollment decreases

BY MANDI STEELE
Managing Editor

Since fall 2001, enrollment at Missouri Southern has been on the downward slope.

University administrators said there are a variety of reasons for the decline, including higher tuition, a struggling economy, a stricter admission policy and competition from two-year colleges.

Sarah Reed, senior general studies major, said the lower enrollment is due to increased tuition.

She said Southern's tuition is no longer considered cheap but "mediocre" compared to other universities. Reed said she would consider going somewhere else, but she only has about 30 credit hours left.

"I have to finish it here," Reed said. "I have no other choice."

Crystal Hoyt, sophomore mass communications major, decided to attend Southern because it is close to where her family lives.

She also said the higher tuition could be to blame for students not returning to Southern.

"If tuition goes up, they'll be driving a lot of students out," Hoyt said.

She receives help from federal grants, but said the grants may not cover the cost of an increasing tuition.

BY THE NUMBERS

- Southern's enrollment fell by 400 in fall 2003.
- Tuition increased from $90 to $127 per credit hour since 2001.

"If the tuition gets to a certain point, I might think about switching colleges," she said.

The University had 5,823 students enrolled in fall 2002. That number has dropped to 5,410 this semester.

Of those, 1,015 are first-time freshmen or transfers. Of those students who were here in fall 2002, 53 percent of them returned this semester. However, 63 percent of those who were first-time freshmen in fall 2002 returned this semester. Tuition has gradually increased from $90 per credit hour in fall 2001 to $127 per credit hour this semester.

Dr. Betsy Griffin, interim vice president for academic affairs, said the drop in enrollment is not a big concern.

"We're not panicking," Griffin said. "We go up and down a little bit; that's natural."

Griffin agreed tuition was one of the factors that affected enrollment, but said she doesn't think the University can afford to stop raising tuition.

"I think we'll try to hold the line and try not to increase it anymore than absolutely necessary," she said.

Derek Skaggs, director of enrollment services, said the reason for a decline in student numbers is fourfold.

Admission requirements have become stricter. The economy as a whole is suffering. Cost of tuition is increasing. And, the A + programs for high school students offer scholarships toward technical colleges only.

Dr. Delores Honey, assistant vice

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COLOR GUARD

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Laura Stamper, junior early education major, leads the Missouri Southern color guard during a practice Sept. 24 at Hughes Stadium. The guard will perform during half-time in Southern's Homecoming football game against Truman State University Oct. 11.

Six e-mail computers make way to BSC

BY JERRY MANTER
Editor-in-Chief

Students interested in grabbing lunch, having their resumé looked over and wanting to check their e-mail all in the same building are in luck.

By the week of Oct. 6, six computers will be up and running on the second floor in the Billingsly Student Center. Internet will be accessible at the stations.

"We just thought it was time to have e-mail stations for students," said Julie Blackford, director of student services. "Students who hang out in Billingsly don't have an area to check e-mail."

The six computers are costing Southern about $8,000.

University carpenters are constructing the working stations.

"Having our own people do the work helps us keep the costs down," Blackford said.

The computer stations have been in the works since 1998 when the Lion's Den was remodeled. Due to budget reasons, the project was placed on a five-year hold. The computer stations have been nicknamed as being a cyber café, however, no food or beverages will be sold.

> *"We're trying to enhance technology around campus."*
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> **Dr. Terri Agee**
> *Vice President for Business Affairs*

Dr. Terri Agee, vice president for business affairs, approved the project.

"We're trying to enhance technology around campus," Agee said "We're trying to meet the needs of students."

Blackford said one of student services' main goals is to serve students, but it also enjoys seeing as many students as possible in the BSC.

"Anytime we can increase the number of students in the student union building, it is a good thing," Blackford said.

The computers are being installed with the idea that they will be used for quick stops on the Internet.

No printers will be installed with the computers.

"These computer stations are not designed for writing papers," she said.

The computers will be placed between the Sodexho food offices and the career services office on the second floor.

"Students will be able to check their e-mail without leaving the building," she said.

Hillary Ross, senior secondary business education major, has worked in Billingsly for three years.

Although she has access to e-mail, she said bringing computers into the BSC is a good idea.

"It's a good thing for students to be able to check their e-mail," Ross said. "Some students don't have computers at home."

Deans develop master's degrees, await approval

BY MICHELLE CONTY
Coordinating Editor

The Missouri Southern Board of Governors was updated on the development of master's degree programs at the Board meeting held on Sept. 19.

The University signed a Memorandum of Understanding with officials from Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville.

"This is an umbrella agreement that commits both institutions to working on master's degrees in early childhood education, biology, information technology, physical education and recreation," said University President Julio León.

With the umbrella agreement in place, further development of graduate programs is on a dean-to-dean level between coordinating universities.

Once finalized, individual programs will be submitted to the Coordination Board for Higher Education for approval.

Dr. Julio León
University President

"Negotiations are also taking place with University of Missouri - Kansas City and Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg to establish other graduate programs including criminal justice and dental hygiene," León said.

Graduate programs will be available mostly, if not solely, through distance learning modes as early as the fall semester of 2004.

In other news, Board members received information on the Missouri Southern Foundation capital campaign.

"The goal of the campaign is to raise $7.6 million in the next five years," León said. "More than $3 million has already been pledged.We hope to be well over $8 million far before the five-year mark."

Areas targeted for betterment from the campaign funds include: the international mission, technology equipment and athletic/student recreational facilities as well as faculty and staff development.

Up-to-date equipment is needed to make the television station, KXMS, digital, as well as maximize educational opportunities, León said.

There was an amendment to the August meeting's minutes, originally it was said it cost $240,000 to repave the parking lot, the actual figure was $80,000.

Stacey Allen, student representative, attended the meeting. She brought information for the Board members on student participation and attendance in student activities on campus such as Gang Green and Student Senate. She also distributed calendars denoting specific events such as Natural High Week.

"I want to keep the governors up-to-date on what is happening on campus and what the students are doing," Allen said.

Following the meeting, members took a tour of Webster Hall.

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High: 77
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SUNDAY
Cloudy
High: 73
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Senate looks to fill seats

BY NATE BILLINGS
International Editor

Breaking in their seats in the House of Lords Room was the first order of business of the Student Senate.

"It's pretty typical of a first meeting," said Zack Odem, senior accounting major and Senate president.

The meeting allowed senators their first feel for their positions.

"It went fairly well," said Adam Griffin, co-adviser to Senate. "It helps to get everyone comfortable and on the same page."

The meeting marked the first actual business meeting of the year. Since it was the first meeting, the Senate did not have to vote on appropriating funds or discuss any old business.

"Next week will be the first standard meeting," Odem said.

During the meeting, Odem said the Senate this year will have an estimated $20,000 to work with. The amount is larger than usual because last year's Senate had funds left over and no appropriations occurred over the summer.

The senators were given appropriation information for three organizations requesting funds.

The three organizations were the International Reading Association Student Council, the World Issues for Studying by Educators, and the Sociology Club.

Griffin encouraged new and old senators alike to go over the information so they will be prepared to decide on each appropriation next week.

Odem also said the senators will rely on the financial committee's recommendation for the funds because the committee has the opportunity before each Senate meeting to discuss the requests in much deeper detail.

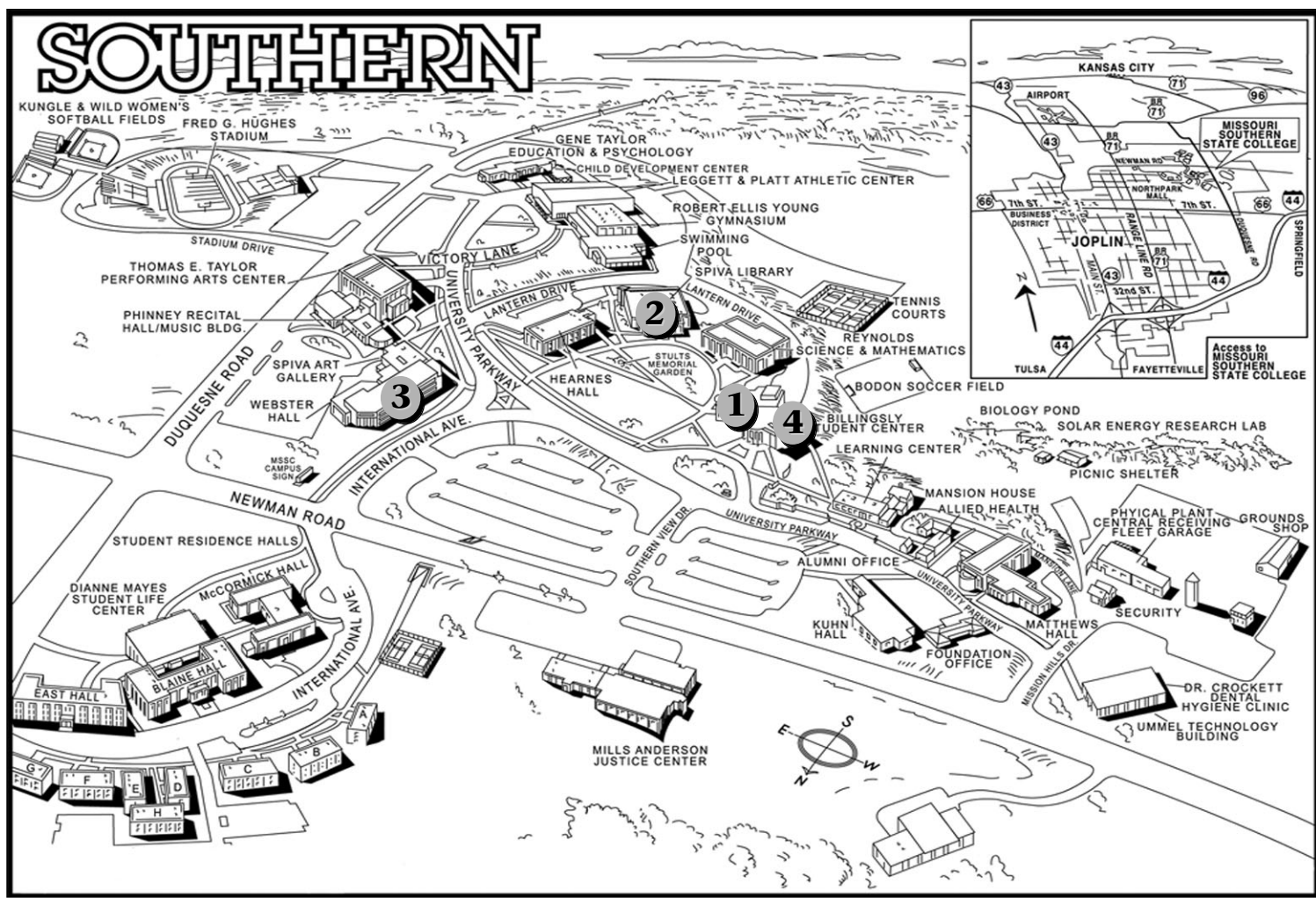
Before the senators adjourned, Odem asked them to help prepare and work at the Senate Casino Night on Oct. 8 for the Homecoming events. Odem said the Senate will provide games such as blackjack, Bingo and roulette, but the games are subject to change.

"Usually, there are not too many events we ask to have senators come to, but this is our night," Odem said.

The next meeting will allow senators to vote to fill the Senate vacancies. However, those wishing to join Senate must wait until the end of the meeting to discuss their reasons for joining.

The Senate will discuss all normal business before deciding on who will fill the vacancies. Anyone wishing to join Senate during the Oct. 1 meeting must go at 5:30 p.m. to Billingsly, room 310.

With all the standard discussions were over, and without old business, the first meeting of the Senate was complete in less than 25 minutes.



Noisy child annoys Billingsly cafeteria

1 Noise complaint

9/23/03

10:16 a.m.

Security was called to Billingsly Student Center in reference to a loud child.

Upon arrival, the officer found the child yelling and contacted his mother. The officer questioned the student about previous incidents when security was contacted. The student then said the building was noisy as well. She was then directed to the Dean of Students office.

2 Information

9/22/03

11:00 p.m.

While working security detail, an officer received a call from the emergency elevator telephone in Spiva Library.

The officer then notified maintenance who confirmed the call. Two officers took the elevator's key to the third floor of Spiva while maintenance reset the system.

They then proceeded to open the elevator to release the woman inside.

3 Injured Person

9/22/03

9:00 p.m.

An instructor notified security about a student in the instructor's office experiencing cramps.

The officer was also told the student was approximately three months pregnant.

After the student described the pain, the officer then notified the Joplin Police Department and had METS come. The student was transported to the hospital in a personal vehicle.

4 Fire Alarm

9/18/03

10:43 p.m.

An officer heard the campus alarm going off when he received a call directing him that the fire alarm in Billingsly Student Center had been activated.

Maintenance and the officer then went to the first-floor alarm pull station and reset the alarm.

Persons in the building were questioned about the incident, but no one knew who had pulled the alarm.

Instructors receive tech education

BY JOSH RAY
Executive Editor

Even the instructors need instructions.

For the past four years, Betty Baker, instructional technologist for Internet courses, has been doing a class that helps teach technology to teachers. The class consists of a summer program and a during-school program.

Both programs are designed to help instructors become more knowledgeable with technology in the classroom as well as Blackboard.

Baker said the programs consist of numerous seminars that focus on hands-on experience with such things as Office Suite, Word and file maintenance. With Blackboard, teachers take the class through the site "from a student's perspective."

The seminars show the instructors how to use Blackboard from the amateur level all the way up to using the advanced features.

With about 15-20 people showing up to each class, Baker said the results have been positive.

"We get a lot of repeat customers," Baker said. "They, I believe, get a lot of good information. They get a better feel for what they are doing."

The class also works to get instructors interested in doing more Internet classes. While lifelong learning does not choose what classes are offered over the Internet, Baker said she would like more to be offered.

Most of the people who show up, she said, are any faculty/staff member interested in learning more about technology.

Many of the instructors are interested in incorporating the technology more into the classroom.

Dr. Scott Wells, head of biology, has been to a few of the sessions.

He said his reasoning to go actually changed.

"I guess I went for different reasons at different times," Wells said.

He enjoys the seminars. Wells said they are helpful for him to learn about the technology. He likes the way the seminars are set up.

"It's either hands-on or at least visual so you can see what's going on," he said. "That helps."

Wells believes he isn't the only one who benefits from the classes.

"More importantly, the students benefit," he said.

He said it is "easier" for his students to learn from the technology.

The seminars are geared toward faculty and staff members.

Students who need help learning Blackboard only have the option of using the Blackboard demonstration site.

Wells said he hopes the seminars will continue.

He said he is "very appreciative" of the work put into the seminars.

Students may also contact the Blackboard help desk at 625-9885.

Correction: In the Sept. 19 issue on page 4, Dr. Michael Garroutte, associate professor of chemistry, was mistakenly named an assistant professor of biology.

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Campus Calendar

International Festival continues with film about illicit affair

The 42nd annual International Film Festival will continue with its second film Sept. 30.

The film shown will be *Brief Encounter*, starring Celia Johnson and Trevor Howard. The movie is about a housewife and a doctor who meet for the first time in a train station.

After they fall in love, they cannot live with the guilt of their affair, so they break off the relationship.

The film will be shown at 7:30 p.m. in Matthews Hall Auditorium.

The cost is $2 for adults and $1.50 for senior citizens and students. Season tickets for the remaining seven shows are currently on sale at $10 for adults and $7 for senior citizens and students.

Missouri Southern nurses host Red Cross Blood drive

The Missouri Southern Student Nurses Association is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Sept. 30 in Billingsly Student Center.

Two years ago, the blood drive broke records when more than 130 people donated.

A statement issued by the Student Nurses Association said each pint of blood donated can potentially save three lives.

The average donation is 3.4 pints.

Development Workshop offers help in performance assessment

A Professional Development Workshop for foreign language teachers will be held from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 2.

The workshop is titled "Performance Assessment." It will be presented by Greg Duncan.

There is a $30 fee for the workshop. The registration form and fee is due by Sept. 25.

For information, persons may call Dr. Tatiana Karmanova at 625-3109.

Firearms course set to fulfill concealed gun requirements

Missouri Southern's Law Enforcement Academy will be offering several eight-hour firearms safety training courses.

The classes will complete the training requirement "Conceal and Carry" statute in Missouri. Participants will receive training in numerous areas, including the legal requirements of use of force, care and cleaning of firearms and handgun safety.

For the courses, the "live fire" range and two computerized electronic firing ranges will be used.

To use the live fire range, participants must pass a qualification exercise.

The cost is $95. Participants must bring their firearm, eye protection, ear protection and 50 rounds of ammunition. A $25 fee must be paid by those without their own firearm and ammunition. Everything must be paid before the course starts.

To register, persons may call Brenda Norman at 625-9328.

ENROLLMENT:

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president for assessment and institutional research, said enrollment should be looked at over a long-term period.

"I look at the opportunities to bounce back," Honey said. "I honestly believe we will."

Enrollment may be going down for Southern, but two-year colleges in the area are having an increase in enrollment.

Crowder College has grown from 2,344 students in fall 2002 to 2,616 this semester.

Many of the other higher education institutions in the area are also having an increase in enrollment.

Ozark Christian College experienced record enrollment this fall going from 799 to 847 students.

Southwest Missouri State University went from 18,916 students in fall 2002 to 19,116.

The University of Arkansas increased from 16,035 to 16,449. Northeastern Oklahoma A & M College went up from 1,963 to 2,102.

Enrollment figures are not in for Pittsburg State University yet.

"Our competition is more with Pitt State because they're closer," Griffin said.

She said she's biased toward Southern over other colleges or universities because of the "individual attention" she thinks Southern offers to its students.

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León looks for ways to receive more grants

BY MICHELLE CONTY
Coordinating Editor

In order to combat budget woes and the sting of withholdings, University President Julio León is leaving no stone unturned in the search for grant opportunities for the University.

"We are certainly interested in grants of all kinds to assist in every possible way," León said.

Leon has been working with the offices of congressmen Roy Blunt, Jim Talent and Kit Bond to see about possibilities that may exist.

"We are seeking a grant to upgrade equipment in the crime lab," León said. "We have a good chance of making that a reality."

The grant is for up to $500,000.

"I have a list of equipment that is getting close to the end of its lifetime," said Dr. Philip Whittle, laboratory director of the Missouri Southern Regional Crime Laboratory.

"I'm not concerned about the equipments reliability, but it would be very difficult to get replacement parts and service for some of our equipment," Whittle said.

The crime lab opened in 1971.

"We have tried to stay as up to date as possible over the years," Whittle said.

The lab services 50 area agencies, including police and fire departments as well as coroner's offices. Currently, the lab is manned by five people but could use additional manpower, if funding allowed.

AT A GLANCE...
Regional Crime Laboratory
- Services 50 area agencies
- Funded 42% by agencies
- Remainder funded by state
- State budget cuts: $40,000

The lab is funded 42 percent by the agencies it serves and the rest is supplied by the state. The University does not fund the lab.

"It wouldn't be fair for the students to pay part of their tuition to operate the lab," Whittle said. "The college furnishes space, janitorial needs, and utilities, but as far as actual expenses, we have to come up with other sources."

Whittle had officially retired in January, but has since worked more than 60 hours a week. He is paid for 20 hours of the time he puts in, and volunteers the remainder.

State budget cuts cost the lab more than $40,000 this year alone.

Whittle said he is glad he is able to fill in as it is not in the budget to hire a replacement.

"It wasn't the Governors fault, it was the legislation," he said. "Everybody has received cuts, it's not out of the ordinary."

The Missouri Southern crime lab is one of 14 in the state.

"We have also put in a grant request for $400,000 for technology equipment for distance education through lifelong learning," León said.

If received, the funds will go toward new software and equipment to enhance the distance education.

"We want to upgrade individual faculty computers on campus," said Dr. Jack Spurlin, vice president for lifelong learning.

Computers that would be upgraded are those used by instructors who teach Blackboard courses.

Internet courses offer self-centered learning and allow those who find it next to impossible to get to campus the opportunity to get an education.

"We would also like to enhance some classrooms with multimedia projectors and white boards for televised classes," Spurlin said.

Room 112 in Webster Hall is the only classroom on campus with these enhancements so far.

'Amazing' program retains students

BY MICHELLE CONTY
Coordinating Editor

Some Missouri Southern students have more to look forward to this year, as the United States Department of Education has awarded an additional $30,000 grant to supplement the current budget of Project Stay.

Project Stay, now beginning its third year at Southern, is made possible by a four-year grant from the Department of Education.

Susan Craig, director of Project Stay, said the money received in this most recent grant would be used to supplement financial aid for the 160 students in the program as well as purchase new equipment.

"We do what we need to do to help students graduate," Craig said.

Students will receive a minimum payment of $400 per semester. Students will have to design and participate in a community service project as part of their eligibility for the additional grant money.

"I think it's really important if students are going to receive grant money, that they earn it," she said. "It is a way of giving back to the community, it seems an appropriate way to do that is community service."

The program is designed to keep those students identified as likely to not complete their degrees on track for graduation.

The groups targeted include students with disabilities and first generation college students.

First generation students are those students who are the first in their families to attend a college or university.

Students who meet certain income requirements are also eligible for the program. Students enrolled in the program must maintain at least a 2.2 cumulative grade point average, and have completed less than 60 credit hours.

"The program is amazing," said Michelle Hall, junior nursing major. "When I first got into the program I didn't realize all Project Stay had to offer, but they do whatever it takes to help the students."

"We've been very pleased with retention rates," Craig said. "We are always meeting and exceeding expectations."

Students enrolled in the program have access to tutoring and academic advising to fit their needs.

Project Stay also offers equipment loans, such as computers and calculators, to students.

"Non-traditional students aren't always able to make it back to campus because of children and other responsibilities," Craig said.

"Hopefully by the end of the year, everyone will know what Project Stay is and the opportunities that are available," Hall said.

Southwest Missouri State University, Crowder College and the University of Arkansas offer similar programs paid through Department of Education grants.

Meet the Greeks

Southern fraternities offer students friendships for life

BY JOSH RAY
Executive Editor

Even without frat houses, Missouri Southern's Greeks manage to have a good time and still do things for the community.

The University is home to four fraternities and sororities. The male population of the University can chose between Kappa Alpha and Sigma Pi. Females can chose between Alpha Sigma Alpha and Zeta Tau Alpha.

Julie Blackford, director of student activities, said there are currently around 50 men and 50 women who are members of the groups. She said people should disregard the bad reputation that many fraternities have, because Southern's live up to a different reputation. The Greeks at Southern don't just party all the time.

"They're starting to do a lot to support the college," Blackford said. "They know how to go out and have a good time, but they do community work."

She said the groups go into the community and help with various projects.

In the past, various events and projects have included the Special Olympics, Boys and Girls Club and muscular dystrophy. Each fraternity and sorority has its own choice of projects.

Russ Hagerman/The Chart

Josh Stout, senior computer information science major, greets students during Fall Frenzy.

The fraternity scene is nothing new to Southern.

Doug Carnahan, dean of students, said the Greeks have been around at least 25 years. It has not always been the same ones. Originally, it was Kappa Alpha, Sigma Nu and Delta Gamma. Sigma Nu was eventually replaced by Sigma Pi, and Delta Gamma left in the mid '80s.

"Kappa Alpha has been here pretty much the whole time," Carnahan said.

For the last eight to nine years, the current four have been the only ones on campus.

Dr. Tom Simpson, associate professor of political science, said the numbers of people joining the frats is changing as well. He said they aren't "attracting the numbers they used to."

Simpson is the faculty adviser and a member of Sigma Pi. He thinks students should check out the different organizations on campus.

"Some universities wouldn't argue that," Simpson said. "Here, I would."

He said there is a good chance a student will make a group of friends that could turn out to be "like brothers." He also said academics and service are "pretty big" for the fraternities.

Rather than just choosing a certain group right off, Simpson said students should look around at the others. He said the fraternities are always willing to help the potential members to pay for the dues.

Chris Stratten, senior mathematics/computer information science major, is the president of Kappa Alpha.

He has been in the organization for five years. Originally, he joined it to meet new people outside of his normal social group. It worked.

"I've met friends that I will have the rest of my life," Stratten said.

Along with fraternities sometimes comes parties and mischief. Carnahan said that isn't the case at Southern. He said there has been the "occasional" problem, but nothing big.

"They've used poor judgment in the past," he said.

In recent years, he said the problems associated with drinking have decreased as well. He attributes part of the lack of problems to the fact that hazing has been banned on a national level by the organizations.

"It's just not allowed anymore," he said.

Stratten said the group is always looking for new members, even though the official Rush is over.

"Rush is a 365 days a year thing," he said. "There's always an open space."

DIGGIN' IN

Bill Shepherd/The Chart

David Hennes, sophomore biology major, collects crustacean samples from Turkey Creek by digging under the surface, allowing crustaceans to float to the top. Hennes is part of a biology class conducting experiments on urban streams.

University purchases system to enhance record keeping

BY JERRY MANTER
Editor-in-Chief

Students and faculty might not know it, but there are some big changes on the way.

By April 2004, Missouri Southern will go to a new computer management system. Virtually all of Southern's records and data programs, which include registration and admissions, will be transferred to the Comprehensive Academic Management System. The software, known as CAMS, was purchased in 2002 for about $225,000.

"It's a desire the campus has," said Steve Earney, assistant vice president of information services.

The software is Web based and will allow students to enroll, apply for degree audits, have links to Blackboard and offer students all of LION Link's options as well.

"Virtually everything that touches students will be available for students to use with this software," Earney said.

More elaborate and technical software packages were available. Those, however, were in the $1 million price bracket.

"We had other bids, but CAMS was the only one we could afford," Earney said.

Dr. John Messick, dean for the school of arts and sciences, said he's excited about the software.

"I'm looking forward to using it," Messick said.

With CAMS, students will be able to retrieve their DARS online instead of it taking 10-15 minutes and a visit to the registrar's office. Students will also be able to pay fines with CAMS.

Faculty will have easier access to student records and information as well. Messick described the current process as "cumbersome."

"Advisers and department heads will be able to retrieve information very efficiently now," Messick said.

Although the transfer of information takes a great deal of time and patience, Earney said one of the biggest challenges will be training the campus community to use the software.

"All of the offices have to coordinate and come together," Earney said. "Everyone has to be at the same point."

Although it's taking a while for the software to unveil itself, Earney said it could be a more complicated process than it is.

Erney said the University of Missouri is undergoing a similar transfer of all its data to a new software management system.

The project, however, involves four campuses and millions of dollars.

Messick said one of the biggest advantages of using CAMS will be convenience for everyone on campus.

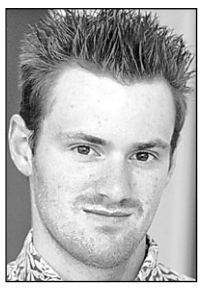
"This will make the whole campus much more up to date and a lot easier," he said.

Editor's Column

'Man in Black's' life worth more respect

"The Man in Black" now gets to wear a suit of white.

Johnny Cash is my personal hero. He was the man for everyone. He never forgot where he came from, and every line in his songs is personal, even if some of his songs are covers.



Philip Martin
Associate/Sports Editor

He lived the life he sang about. Cash's albums, *Live at Folsom Prison* and *Live at San Quentin*, were recorded for no one else but the inmates they were performed for. His final album, *When The Man Comes Around*, is stripped down to him on his guitar and piano, singing. Some songs include backing vocals, but they don't hamper his voice or his talent.

This album will serve as his epitaph for the whole world. Even his video for "Hurt" showed what he was like. His video seems to show that money and earthly possessions mean nothing. Cash seems to be saying the only things that matter are friends and family, because you can't take money with you.

I still think Cash got screwed over at the MTV Video Music Awards. Why would anyone pick Missy Elliot over "The Man in Black" for best video? Have you seen the video for "Hurt?" It is an emotional outpouring of a man's life. Every single shot tells a story about his life and his embrace of death.

Why would MTV pick Justin Timberlake over Cash? Even Timberlake knew he should never have received that award. If he knew what was right he would never have accepted it and given the award to Cash. A sad, sad event, Cash was screwed over at the VMAs.

What makes Cash a hero? Cash wouldn't take crap from anyone. He lived like he pleased and did as he pleased. He knew he was rich, but he was there for anyone who would need him.

My favorite story about Cash is every Christmas he would go to Jamaica and stay for the month of December with his family. One year he was sitting on his porch with Billy Graham, the same year President Richard Nixon resigned. Graham looked at Cash and said, "Let's call Nixon." Cash was surprised; he didn't want to talk to Nixon. Before he knew it, Graham had the ex-president on the line and was talking to him. Shortly after getting Nixon on the phone, Cash was talking to him.

That, above anything else, showed what kind of man he was. That is what makes him a hero, and that is what makes him missed by millions all over the world.

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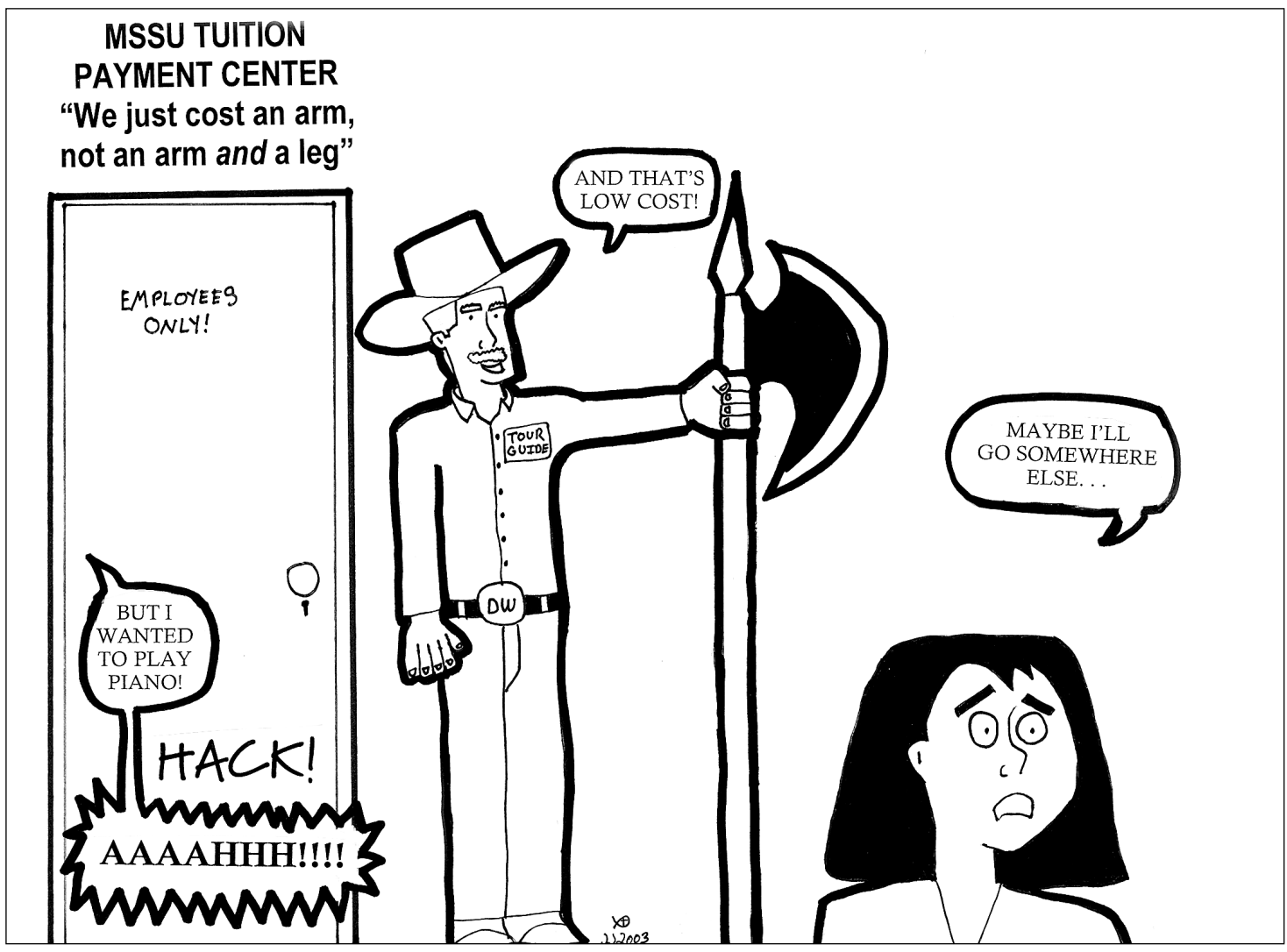


High cost hurts enrollment

The figures are in, and once again, Missouri Southern's enrollment has gone down.

Why is this?

Have people lost interest in bettering themselves with an education? Has the ever-rising cost of tuition reached a point too high for many people to afford it? Have University recruiters not done an adequate job? Or, are students leaving Southern for other institutions with better values?

While Southern's tuition may still be lower than many institutions in Missouri, the rising rates are taking their toll on enrollment.

Chart Opinion

Most students chose the University for its low cost, especially those who commute to campus. Now the cost is no longer affordable to many people so they choose not to continue their education at Southern.

With the economy at its present state and the higher tuition rates, many students have had to put their education on the back burner.

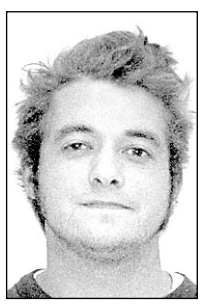
This is unfortunate considering the number of people who have attained various degrees at Southern and gone on to better lives.

Now people in similar positions must work longer hours in order to pay for their education, which cuts into the amount of time people can spend studying. This results in lower grades and lower retention rates.

Recruiters, and everyone who represents the University, should reiterate the good qualities about Southern. Potential students need to know about the high-quality education and the excellent opportunities they will receive when they choose to enroll at Southern.

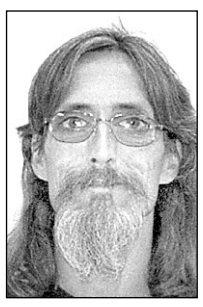
Campus Voice BY NANCY HIGHT-MORRIS

Why do you think enrollment is down?



"Because the price for credit hours has gone up."

Christopher St. John
Sophomore
English Major

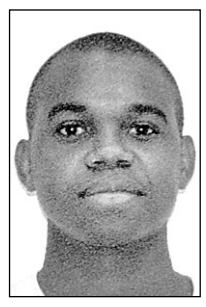


"The economics of society may have something to do with it, or it could be out of concern for paying monthly bills."

Bobby McAdams
Freshman
Secondary Education Major

"Due to the situation we have going on in our country right now and the economy and people are just jumping from high school to work may have something to do with enrollment being down."

Lydia Wiles
Freshman
English
Major



"People are not getting enough financial aid or scholarships to help fund their education."

Robert Tole
Senior
General Business
Major

"The cost went up. Granted, we did get university status, but you can go to Crowder for half the cost."

Leslie Brown
Freshman
Criminal Justice
Major

In Perspective

Events should be enjoyed 'without unnecessary distractions'

Last week's In Perspective column by Dr. Michael Garoutte discussed the area's great activities. Recently, I attended an event at Missouri Southern's Leggett & Platt gymnasium. The speaker imparted meaningful information; emotional words whose impact would have been much greater if it weren't for all the distractions from the audience.

Dr. Vickie Roettger
Associate Professor of Biology

The lecture was scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., yet people were still arriving at 7:25 p.m. The latecomers were required to walk between the speaker and the audience and to climb noisy stands in an attempt to slip into seats.

During the entire lecture, people were climbing up and down the same noisy stairs, entering and exiting the gym and allowing crying infants to further disrupt the talk.

What has happened to common courtesy and respect for your fellow event-goers?

I have observed this lack of respect not only at lectures but also at concerts, plays, movies and other events as well. Sometimes it's children running up and down the aisles, but it's also teenagers, college students and adults. People rummage in their pockets to find candy and then proceed to make more noise removing wrappers. I see people answering cell phones and conducting conversations in the middle of events, showing disrespect not only to the audience but also to the performers.

At one event, the performer actually made a comment about an audience member answering a cell phone even though the program specifically told people to turn phones off.

I see cell phone users blithely having conversations in the middle of store aisles, totally ignoring shoppers trying to get around them.

I am all for exposing children to events given during Southern's themed semesters; we need to encourage interest in other cultures amongst our young people. However, children (and some adults) may find these two-hour events beyond their ability to remain interested, and bored children find other means to interest themselves.

A colleague recounted an incident at a recent event connected with Southern's Cuba Semester where children were playing in the aisles with plastic swords. One suggestion may be to leave at intermission when the child has become tired or bored.

Other events are just not appropriate for all ages. When I went to a Harry Potter film, over half the audience was under 16 years old. I expected noise and commotion because it was a film for young people, and I was in their territory. I was amazed when the movie started; there was immediate silence, cheering when appropriate and no running in the aisles.

However, the exact opposite has too often occurred at "adult" events. Does anyone still hire baby sitters?

I applaud the theatre department for excluding children under the age of 5 at productions other than the children's theatre.

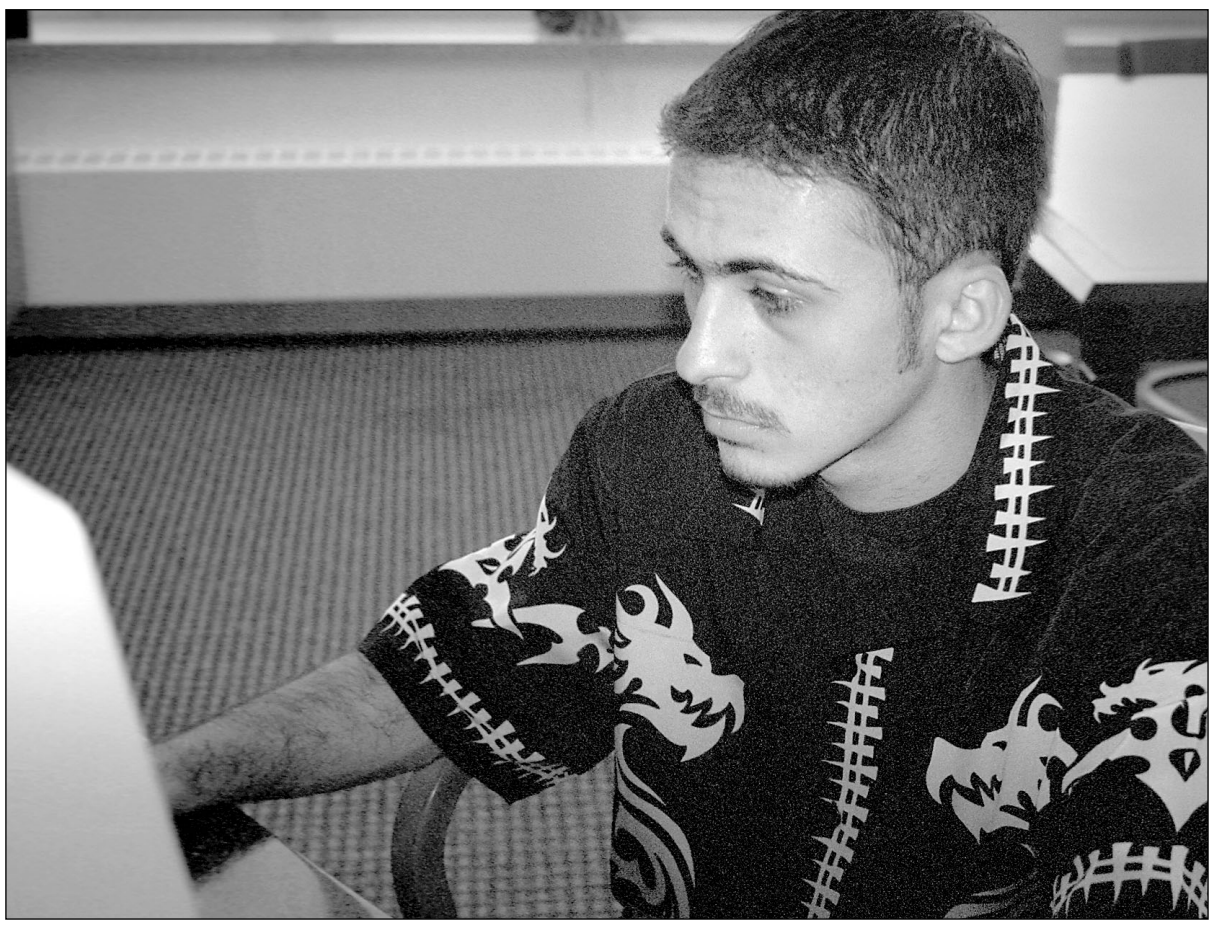
Some events are free; others cost, but at all events the audience should be able to enjoy the performance without unnecessary distractions. Let's restore an awareness of and respect for others who have also come to enjoy all that Joplin has to offer.

"What has happened to common courtesy and respect for your fellow event-goers?"

Dr. Vickie Roettger
Associate Professor of Biology

Student seeks out 'treasure'

BY NATE BILLINGS
International Editor



Naoko Onoda/The Chart

Whether checking books in or checking books out, Charbel Bichara, "the new kid on the block," gets the job done on time. Charbel works in Spiva Library behind the first-floor circulation desk.

Living close to home can be a factor for many students when they choose a college or university.

One student, however, found Missouri Southern to be worth moving thousands of miles from home to earn his degree.

Charbel Bichara, freshman mechanical engineering major, has only been in the United States for a month and a half.

Charbel was born in Lebanon and grew up in Nigeria.

Both he and his brother found Southern to be the best education for the money.

The Bicharas were not attracted to Southern because of the international focus.

The University was featured in *Newsweek* several years ago as a "hidden treasure," with a good education for the tuition.

When Charbel arrived, he was greeted by his older brother who has been in the states for more than two years.

"It's great," said Elias Bichara, junior business marketing major. "He's my brother. In my culture, family comes first."

Charbel said his mother liked the idea of her sons going to a place where they can receive a good degree, even if it is so far away.

Although Elias had to adjust on his own, Charbel can rely on his brother to help him now.

"He's not doing bad," Elias said. "I know what he's going through. I was there to liaison both sides."

Charbel said there are many differences between Nigeria and Missouri.

"There is constant power and there are traffic rules," Charbel said. "If you can drive in Nigeria, you can drive anywhere."

Charbel said there are many cultural differences between the two peoples. One example is Nigerians use much less vulgarity and are

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The Cuba Semester

Quimbombó
7 p.m. Oct. 1
Taylor Performing Arts Center

The Business and Economic Environment in Cuba
6 p.m. Oct. 2
Matthews Hall, Room 109

Everyday Life in Cuba: An Ethnographic Portrait
11 a.m. Oct. 2
Webster Hall Auditorium

Dengue, 1997: Case Study of a Cuban Epidemic
9 a.m. Oct. 3
Matthews Hall Auditorium

Senses of Cuba
9:30 a.m. Oct. 7
Webster Hall Auditorium

CUBA

Cuban isle offers education, not vacation, for faculty members

BY RUSS ROPER
Staff Writer

In order to gain a true understanding of a subject, at times, the best way is to go directly to the source.

This is exactly what some faculty and students did in June 2003.

Originally, two groups made plans to visit Cuba.

The first group consisted of Dr. Gwen Murdock, department of psychology head, her husband and four *Chart* editors.

The second group consisted of three Missouri Southern faculty members who planned their trip through the Council for International Educational Exchange (CIEE).

The group consistedof Dr. Ree Wells, associate professor of sociology, Dr. Barbara Box, director of department of nursing, and Dr. John Lewis, associate professor of business.

Due to licensing problems at CIEE, Wells and her group ran into problems.

As a result, the two groups came together.

The focus of the trip was more on gathering information for the classroom than for pleasure.

The students also had their own agenda for going to Cuba.

"It was a blast traveling with the students," Wells said. "They all worked very hard gathering information for their stories."

"The students were required to do an article a day, and they did a really good job," Murdock said.

The faculty members also ran into a few problems while in Cuba.

"Freedom to go into hospitals was limited, they had security at every door," Box said.

"My guide didn't want me to identify myself as an American."

Since Missouri Southern was hosting the Cuba Semester, faculty members had hoped to gather information they could use in their classes.

"I was interested in issues of race, gender and social class that I could teach my students and contribute to the Cuba Semester by internationalizing our curriculum," Wells said.

The most common complaint from the faculty was the lack of adequate time to take in everything.

"I wanted to make contacts within the Cuban healthcare system, but most of our exposure was limited to the general public," Box said.

Cuba
ON CAMPUS

Come watch your professor do the salsa!

Quimbombó
A seven-piece band from New York

7:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 1
Taylor Performing Arts Center
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Quimbombó blends Cuban rhythms, primarily the són (the contagious dance music championed by the Buena Vista Social Club that is the main ingredient in salsa), with elements of jazz and blues to create a lively and unique sound. Quimbombó (pronounced keem-bohm-BO) has performed at many venues including the Empire State Building, Rockefeller Center, the Brooklyn Museum, Metronome, the BAM Café, and Bistro Latino.

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For a complete listing of Cuba Semester events visit www.mssu.edu

CUBA

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Indagrass performs in the back of a truck Sept. 20 at the Walnut Valley Festival in Winfield, Kan. from left, Matt Ceola, Chad Fosse, Matt Fosse, Ben Wardlaw, Karen Fosse and Josh Wardlaw.

Easy Pickin'

Bluegrass festival draws crowds with crafts, food, 'great music'

By Patti Richardson
Staff Writer

Lined with thousands of people, bluegrass music and an assortment of food, the 32nd annual Walnut Valley Festival in Winfield, Kan. kicked off.

"I have been attending for 27 years," said Alyson Lowe, a 2000 graduate of Missouri Southern. "There is something for everyone, even children."

From children playing with new friends to adults visiting with new acquaintances, the family atmosphere is the reason most people decide to come year after year.

"I have been attending for seven years, and the one thing that keeps me coming back besides the great music is the relationships established and making new friends," said Dr. Douglas Brooks, Board of Governors' member.

Some of the acts to perform on the four main stages were Tommy Emmanuel, The Wilders and Hot Club of Cowtown.

Some of the numerous competitions included best national flat-picker, international autoharp, national mountain dulcimer, old time fiddle and bluegrass banjo.

"I came to see Tommy Emmanuel, the best guitarist in the world," said Adam Headlee, freshman undecided major.

Tommy Emmanuel is considered a highlight of the festival and is best known for his unconventional ways of making different sounds with his guitar.

The Australian born guitarist began playing at the age of 4 and is now considered the most successful instrumental Australian artist in the world.

The Wilders is a honky-tonk band that the festival program labels as "true to the old time radio."

The members huddle around a single microphone and sometimes perform in the back of a truck.

Its sound is diverse, with influences ranging from the 1920s to the 1940s. It has appeared on various radio and television programs including "Prairie Home Companion."

Hot Club of Cowtown, from Austin, Texas, came together in the late 1990s.

It consists of only a guitar, violin and bass. The jazzy and western swing sounding trio gets the audience on its feet.

Arts and crafts are a big festival highlight for people wanting keepsakes and memorabilia.

Elk Falls Pottery is the only the place to get festival mugs. Every year Steve and Jane Fry make 500 Winfield mugs and 500 Walnut Valley Festival mugs, and always sell out in the first day. These mugs are handcrafted stoneware from native Kansas clays.

Another vendor at the festival was The Hatters. Maryon and Merlen Hatter make hats for everyone's taste. Their wares include straw, leather, ball caps and even some black velvet witch's hats.

Landrush is a popular event which takes place one week before the festival starts. Campers come early to find the best camping spots and sit on them until the rest of the festival goers show up.

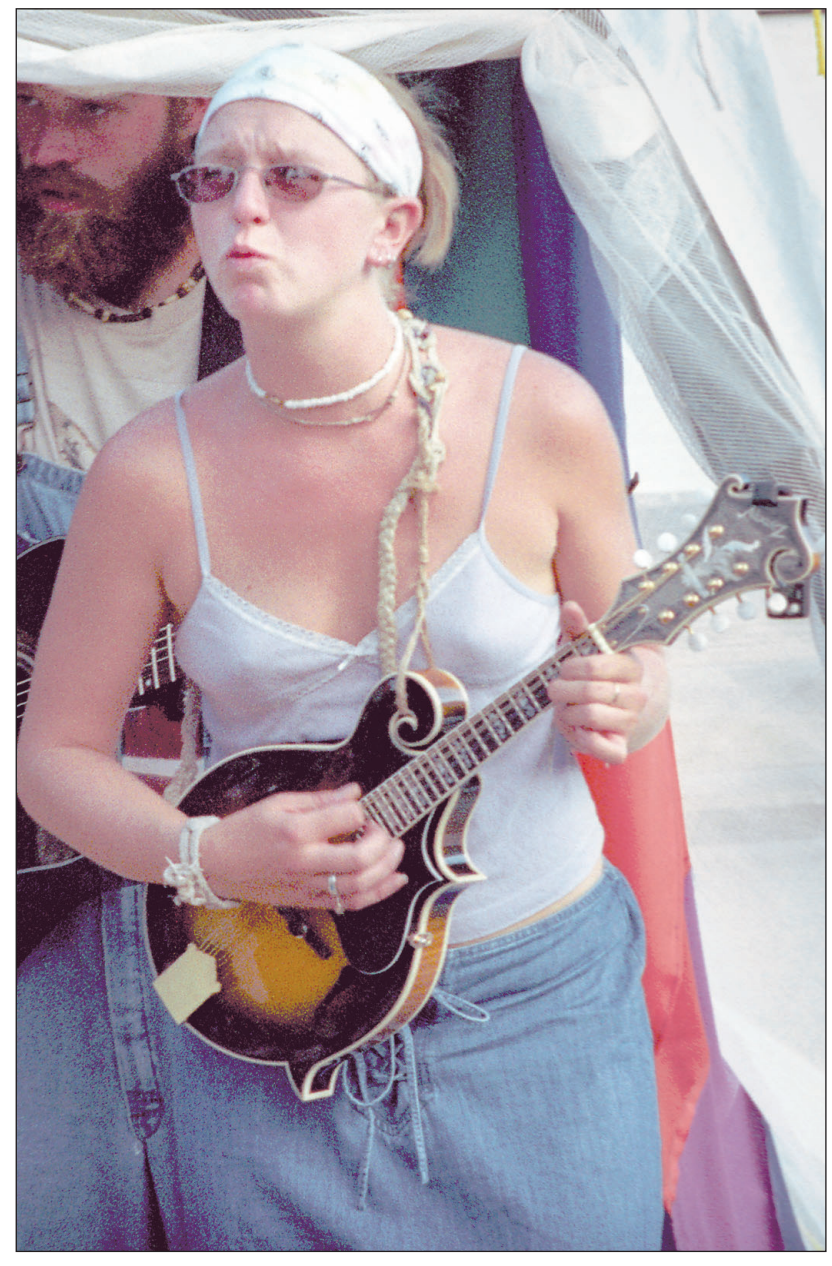
"It was cool because we get to see everyone first getting there to claim their land," said Anndrea Hermann, 2002 graduate of Southern.

Many musicians try to come up with a song or a melody dedicated to the Winfield experience.

Jeremy Moss, resident of Joplin, said the most important part of the festival is the music, especially when you're able to come up with a Winfield song. Most musicians jump at the chance to get on stage at the festival.

"It was almost overwhelming," Moss said. "I was nervous, but once we started playing, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves."

Moss plays with Contents Under Pressure, one of five acts to play on stage five in the comfortable shoes campsite.



(Above) Chris Brown, Joplin, practices with his guitar at the Over There campsite. (Right) Camper Anndrea Hermann plays the mandolin on an unofficial stage with her friend Chad Fosse during the Walnut Valley Festival. (Below) Chad Fosse, of Washburn, Mo., and his nephew, Niah Fosse, of Rogers, Ark., play with their friend, Abel Bauer, of Buffalo, Ark.

Patti Richardson/
The Chart

Guitar instructor Joe Leiter teaches and performs as part of a jazz ensemble. Read the story for information on his upcoming show.

Adventures available outdoors

Southwest Missouri offers residents chance to see natural wonders

RUSS ROPER
Staff Writer

For students interested in the outdoors, Missouri has much to offer. Lakes, streams and public land give people many options when it comes to enjoying outdoor activities.

In Southwest Missouri, there are many locations available such as Robert E. Talbot, Shawnee Trail, Wildcat Park and Kellogg Lake. These conservation areas give ample opportunities for fishing without the long drive.

Talbot and Shawnee also provide hunting, hiking and camping.

"That's usually where I go," said Gary Calhoun, freshman criminal justice major.

"They have a lot of different stuff to offer."

This list does not name all the areas open to the public.

The Department of Conservation in Joplin has a more complete list, including maps with directions to the areas.

The MDC also provides seminars and workshops on a wide range of topics.

One of the most popular is the hunter education course, required for those born on or after Jan. 1, 1967, who wish to hunt in Missouri. Certificates from approved courses in other states satisfy this requirement.

"People should register early for these events," said Sandy Chapman, part time public service assistant for the MDC. "They fill up fast."

Missouri Southern will offer a hunter education course in October.

The class will be held in the Anderson Justice Center.

Pre-registration is required for this class.

During the coming months other workshops are being planned.

In October, "Nature Shutter-bugs" will provide training on capturing outdoor activities on film.

November and December seminars will focus on processing game and birds of prey.

The MDC will host "Great Outdoors Day" 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday at the Bois D' Arc conservation area near Willard, Mo.

The focus is on family involvement with activities ranging from fishing and shooting to canoeing and hiking.

"MDC is planning new events all the time," Chapman said.

The lakes in the area offer fishing, hunting, hiking, picnics, camping and more.

Stockton Lake, Table Rock Lake, Taneycomo Lake in Missouri and Grand Lake in Oklahoma can all be reached in less than two hours of driving and can provide a weekend of fun.

The fall and winter months offer numerous hunting opportunities. Seasons for deer, turkey, waterfowl, and others begin in October.

Information on the available seasons and their dates are available at the MDC office or at local sporting goods dealers.

"I like to go hunting and camping," Calhoun said. "I just don't have as much time as I'd like during school."

Bill Shepherd/The Chart

Guitar instructor Joseph Leiter shows Dereck Bishop, senior performance arts major, the correct rhythm for the classical piece of music he is learning.

Instructor shares love of music, offers students guitar lessons

BY LANDON FRY
Staff Writer

A mystical sound can be heard by the clock next to the music office — a sound that many students may recognize, but may not know is taught at Missouri Southern.

Joe Leiter has been instructing guitar students at Southern since 1986 but says that many may not see his course since it is listed under strings courses. Its string categorization is one thing that people may not think of when they think of the guitar.

"I think it's the most misunderstood of all instruments because of its inherent characteristics," Leiter said. "It's probably more complex to understand, but once you understand there's a method behind the madness, there's a specific format, you understand how it works. It's a challenge to get that across."

It was the mystical sound of the guitar that interested Leiter when we was 14. He eventually found other forms of guitar playing than the one he started with.

"I started off playing in bands playing the late '60s and '70s music that you would hear on the radio; the Beatles, Santana, the Stones, the Doors, just whatever, but then I came to understand that classical guitar was a uniquely solo instrument that, with the right hand tech you can play the bass the melody and the harmony simultaneously."

His love for classical guitar pushed Leiter to get a master's degree in classical guitar performance and got him to the semi-finals of the 1983 International Guitar Competition. Though Leiter got his degree in classical guitar, he claims he loves all styles of playing and says they all feed into one another.

"Once you understand the idiosyncrasies behind the guitar and the elements involved in two completely different styles," he said. "You realize there's a meeting point; that they both complement each other."

Musical influences that Leiter has had range from classical guitarist Andres Segovia to rock bands like the Beatles, to non-guitarists like Miles Davis and Chopin. Leiter is also influenced by some contemporary bands.

"XTC is still, I think, the most remarkable band out there, but a lot of the pop bands I haven't been paying as much attention to as some of the more contemporary bands in the style of jazz; progressive jazz. Of course I respect a lot of the bands out there, fusion bands like Dream Theater, which was really the aftermath of the band Yes. The Chick Korea band is always state of the art progressive jazz performers."

When teaching, Leiter emphasizes fundamentals. His approach is effective according to Robert Terry, junior guitar performance major.

"He's very good at what he does and he's an animal on classical guitar," Terry said.

He began taking lessons from Leiter three years ago and says his technique has progressed a lot since. Though it's been three years, Terry still never knows what to expect from Leiter.

"It's a new adventure every time," he said.

Leiter thinks guitar lessons are a good idea for many people.

"Anybody who has a yearning for song or developing an instrument. It's a creative process, something you can bring you own independent character to. With a general understanding of basic chord structure you can in no time at all, I'd say within a period of two or three months depending on your practice regimen, be accompanying yourself with songs, contemporary or whatever."

Students interested in taking Leiter's class can take a half hour, single credit course, or an hour long, two credit course through the University. Anyone can take private lessons for $20 per half hour. Leiter can be contacted through the Southern music office.

Those interested in hearing Leiter can hear him play in a jazz ensemble Oct. 4 at Champs.

CAB sets sights on Miss/Mr. beauty pageant

BY T.J. GERLACH
Public Forum Editor

Here she comes, Miss Missouri Southern.

Activities for the spring semester were the focus of the Campus Activities Board meeting, Sept. 24.

The Board plans on tying the annual talent show in with Safe Spring Break Week, as opposed to holding it during Homecoming week. CAB also plans on holding a Miss and Mister Missouri Southern Pageant during Safe Spring Break Week.

Terry Levy, junior pre-law/criminal justice major, said he has been talking to the Miss Missouri Pageant Association, attempting to get the Miss Missouri Southern pageant recognized. If it is recognized, Southern's pageant winner will be able to compete in the Miss Missouri Pageant.

Levy said he has spoken to two former Miss Missouri and they may be willing to come to the pageant and possibly judge.

Contestants will compete in several categories, but the controversial swimsuit category will not be one. Prizes will be awarded to the winner and the runners-up.

Members also brainstormed for possible lecturers for the spring. Several ideas were thrown around, but members did not decide on a topic.

"I want this to be really big," Levy said. "It's going to be hard to beat Chief Picciotto."

The Board also could not decide if it wants a lecture or a debate in the spring.

"The good thing about a debate is you show both sides of an issue," said Julie Blackford, director of student activities. "And both sides get to participate."

CAB meets at 2 p.m. every Wednesday in the second floor lounge of the Billingsly Student Center.

Area Events

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Melissa Dunson at 625-9311.

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The Rundown, *Duplex,* and *Under the Tuscan Sun* open at the Northstar 14 Theaters.

Dakota Blue Live @ 9:30 p.m. @ Champ's Pub & Grill.

Far From Yesterday @ 10 p.m. @ The Green Room.

Cesspool Show featuring Peace Church, One Track Mind, Gizmo, and Vaginal Discharge @ 6 p.m. @ The Club Cesspool.

The Great Unknown Festival in Fayetteville, Ark., featuring 16 bands and **FREE** camping.

Some Guy Named Rob and Monkey Bullet concert @ 8 p.m. @ Chelsea's in Eureka Springs, Ark.

The Rich Kids and 7star @ 9 p.m. @ Dioko Coffee Company.

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The Great Unknown Festival in Fayetteville, Ark., featuring 16 bands and **FREE** camping.

The Cannonballers concert @ 10 p.m. @ The Green Room.

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Karaoke from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. @ Murphy's Irish Pub.

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BSU Joy Explosion @ 7 p.m.

Monday Night Football @ J-Town

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Karaoke and All U Can Eat Tacos @ 8 p.m. @ J-Town

Karaoke @ 10 p.m. @ The Green Room

Homecoming Royalty Elections.

IM sand volleyball and soccer deadline.

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BSU Lunch-n-Counter @ Noon.

CAB meeting @ 2 p.m. second floor of Billingsley

Homecoming Royalty Elections.

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Krazy Karaoke @ 9 p.m. @ Champ's Bar and Grill

Quimbombo concert @ 7 p.m. @ Taylor Auditorium

Useless Information

NOTE: Information for this section taken from http://come.to/phill

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The Volkswagen was originally called the "Strength Through Joy Wagon".

The famous Revolutionary war general Lafayette had the same first name as his wife Mary.

The first place in the western world to give women the right to vote was an island known as Man.

In 1970, an Arizona lawyer named Russel H. Ansie filed a $100,000 lawsuit against God. He won because the defendant never showed up in court.

Armadillos can be house broken.

All porcupines can float in water.

Los Angeles full name is El Pueblo de Nuestra Serona la Reina de Los Angeles de Porciuncula.

The very first bomb dropped by the Allies on Berlin during World War II killed the only elephant in the Berlin Zoo.

Non-dairy creamer is flammable

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Language Center offers Spanish class for kids

A free Spanish class for children with no prior experience with the language will be offered starting Oct. 1.

The class is being sponsored by the International Language Resource Center. It is open to children ages 8-14.

The classes will be held from 4-5 p.m. every Wednesday at the Joplin Public Library.

For registration, persons may call 625-3109.

CBS telethon totals break yearly records once again

The final numbers are in for the 38th annual Jerry Lewis Telethon for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. A statement issued by the MDA said this year was another record-breaking success.

The telethon raised $60,505,234. The funds raised are used to help people with any one of more than 40 neuromuscular diseases.

Kerri Bishop, program director for the local MDA, said local fire departments in Southwest Missouri, Southeast Kansas and Northeast Oklahoma raised approximately $146,000.

Federal grants seek to attract regional carriers

The office of U.S. Rep. Roy Blunt (R-Mo) announced $500,000 in federal funding to assist in seeking new commercial services for the Joplin Regional Airport.

A statement released by the City of Joplin said the grant would allow the airport to begin discussions with regional commercial carriers that partner with major airlines.

The federal grant is being matched by $100,000 from the Joplin Business Development and Industrial Corporation. The City of Joplin is providing $10,000.

University status enhances city

BY JONATHAN BEVILLE
City Editor

On Aug. 28, Missouri Southern State College officially became Missouri Southern State University-Joplin. In this case, more than the name has changed, and with this change comes significant implications for the community.

"The first thing you will see, other than individuals getting used to the word university, is the idea that one associates with a college will fade away," said University President Julio León.

The perception, right or wrong, is that universities are inherently bigger and better than colleges, León said.

"The Chamber of Commerce is always trying to attract new companies," he said. "One of the first things to discuss is education, and it's better to say we have a university here."

Rob O'Brian, president of the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce, said from an economic development perspective, companies often look to relocate near universities.

"In many respects, the word university is shorthand for ongoing training of employees," he said.

O'Brian said the benefits to students from the name change will also translate into the business community.

"On a résumé, 'university' has a higher impact than "college" for a potential employer," he said. "In terms of the name change itself, it is a step for Missouri Southern and the area."

"It more accurately reflects the impact the institution has on this area, and reflects where it has been."

"One of the key statements that has been made out there is 'Why would you go anywhere else?'" said Joplin Mayor Richard Russell.

Now that Southern has achieved university status, Russell said students have less of an incentive to cross state borders or travel north for a college education.

He said it means a better workforce for the Joplin area.

"Businesses now have more of an opportunity to hire locally," Russell said.

"One of the reasons universities are attractive for economic development is the advanced education for professionals in various fields," said Sen. Gary Nodler (R-Joplin).

"There are some very serious economic development implications here. But a lot of that depends on how successful the institution is in attracting graduate programs."

Nodler said provisions of Senate Bill 56 allow the University to enter into cooperative agreements with other universities to offer joint graduate programs. Graduate diplomas will bear the names of both institutions.

Through this process of cooperative graduate degrees, Nodler said the University could become the gateway to the entire Missouri higher education system.

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Cowboy roundup draws crowd, funds

BY ARON CROUSE
Staff Writer

Southwest Missouri residents came together to help mend a few broken hearts when the Children's Center of Southwest Missouri kicked off its second annual Cowboys for Kids fund-raiser.

The fund-raiser was held Sept. 20 at the Lucky-J Arena in Carthage. The festivities welcomed more than 260 local residents who enjoyed a home-cooked meal.

"You're never mad when you're eating ice cream," said Sheila Fletcher, owner of Shake's Frozen Custard.

Randy Fletcher and wife, said they were extremely pleased with the event and handed out 200 ice cream cones to smiling adults and children.

"We had a wonderful group of people working together," said Kathy Olsen, assistant executive director of the Children's Center.

Children enjoyed face painting, horseback riding, ring tosses and a petting zoo.

The activities kept the children amused the entire evening.

Kids were entertained by a variety of animals.

The main event was the live auction, giving the residents a chance to bid on an autographed Joe Montana football, a pinball machine and other collectables.

"This was our first time at the event, and we hoped that there would have been more interest [in the foster care booth]," said Tim Dittmer, family development specialist.

He represented the State of Missouri Department of Social Services with a foster and adoption information desk.

The Children's Center had hopes of breaking last year's $10,000 in donations.

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Kalynne Blackford, age 2, feeds a LaMancha goat at the Cowboys for Kids fund-raiser Sept. 20.

This year's event exceeded those totals raising $13,500.

"They put it on for a great cause," said Mitch Shaw, Barton County Police Department. "I was really impressed,"

The Children's Center plans to conduct another Cowboy's for Kids next year.

Plans will be determined at the next meeting.

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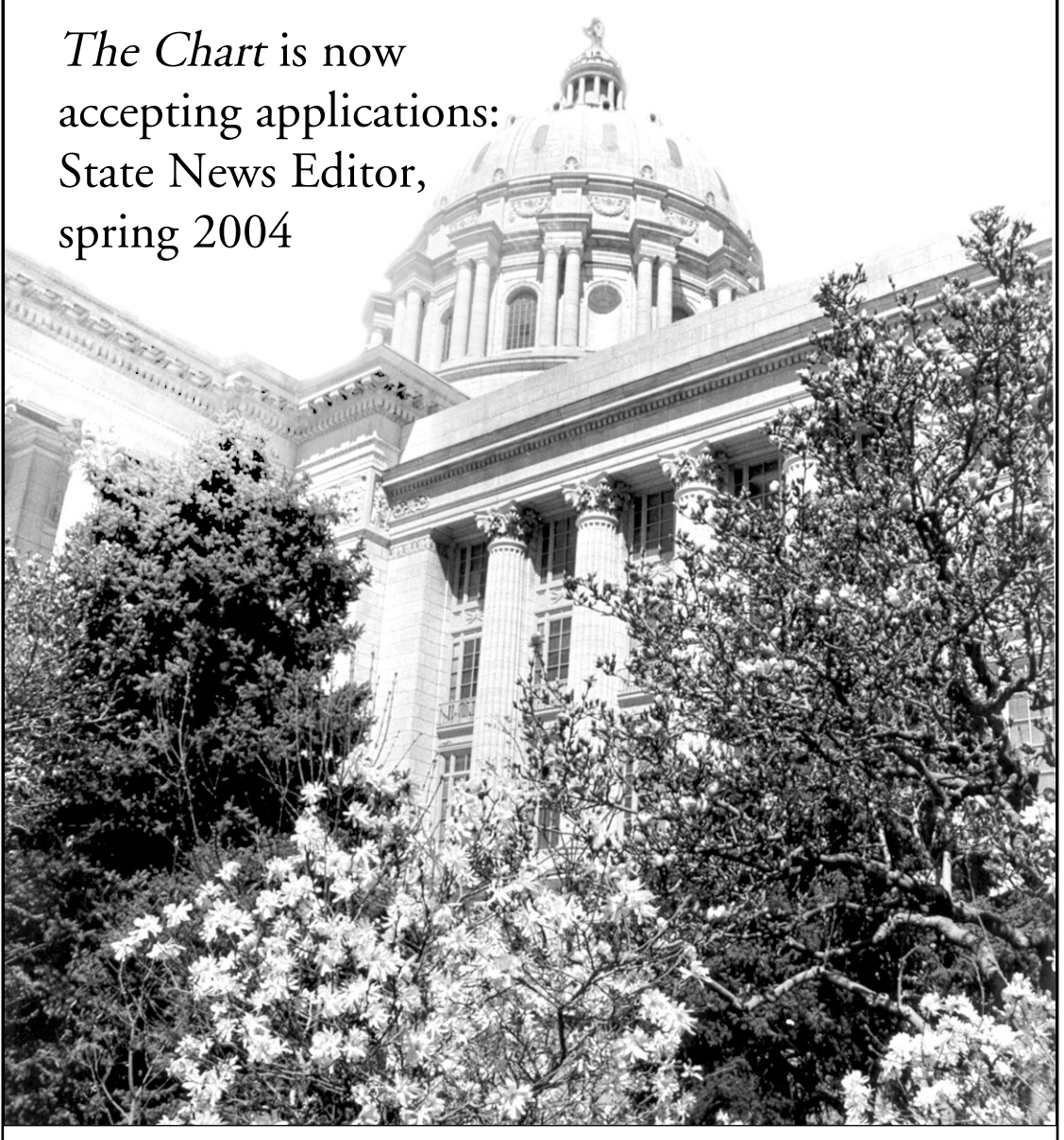

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University strives to keep students from dropping

BY MANDI STEELE
Managing Editor

With enrollment figures for fall 2003 down, the discussion of how to retain and recruit students arises.

There are certain factors affecting enrollment numbers that Missouri Southern cannot influence.

"There are some things you just can't do anything about," said Derek Skaggs, director of enrollment services.

Skaggs said these are family situations, health issues and financial problems. If a student drops because of these factors, it isn't an issue for Southern to address.

However, there are many ways the University tries to get students to stay.

Skaggs said the admission requirements were recently changed by increasing performance standards for entering freshmen.

"If you get students who are academically better prepared, then you retain those students," Skaggs said.

He looks at Southern as a "moderately selective institution."

Dr. Delores Honey, assistant vice president for assessment and institutional research, is chair for the Retention Task Force.

Besides trying to get students in contact with faculty members as soon as possible in the enrollment process, Honey said there are many ways Southern tries to get freshmen to stay at the University.

Offering Fresh Start, an orientation class, career awareness services, help through the learning center, student support services, low tuition and on-campus activities are all ways Southern tries to retain students.

Honey said retention and enrollment figures aren't the most important thing, but student satisfaction and success are.

"We're still a campus, a culture that really teaches our students well," Honey said. "That won't change for Missouri Southern."

Skaggs said as far as recruitment goes, Southern staff attend high school college fairs, visit specific high schools, offer Discovery Day programs where high school students visit campus, have counselors follow-up with potential freshmen and offer daily tours all through the week.

"We know that if we can get students to come to campus and visit with a faculty member, we greatly improve our chances of enrolling that student," Skaggs said.

Amanda Highsill, freshman criminal justice major, said no recruiters from Southern came to her high school, but she did get representatives from University of Missouri-Columbia and Southwest Missouri State University.

She decided on Southern by herself because of the criminal justice program.

"I thought that they (Southern) offered a really good program," Highsill said.

She said she had most of her questions answered by phone, but she would have rather had representatives come to her high school.

"I would've appreciated being able to talk to somebody," Highsill said.

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more cautious when talking about sex.

Age also plays a role in the respect given to people. Charbel said if a friend is even a day older than another friend, that friend is given more respect because of his or her age.

Another difference he noted is that people here do not smile at one another as often as Nigerians do while walking past each other.

"There aren't a lot of courteous people around," he said.

Charbel also said the police are much more involved here than in Nigeria.

"The cops actually do their job," he said.

During his time so far in the United States, Charbel has met many people, joined an intramural soccer team and started working on campus.

He has, also, noticed a difference in wages as well. In Nigeria, people only earn $45-$50 a month on average. Charbel works at the circulation desk in the Spiva Library.

He said his "official" title is called, "the new kid on the block."

With many of the changes Charbel has experienced, his friends try to make him feel at home.

Eric Ducommun, sophomore Spanish and physics major, plays alongside Charbel as part of their intramural soccer team.

"When you see him, say 'hi,'" he said.

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He said he hopes that the program will draw students in from neighboring states and help retain talent in Missouri, which supports the state and local economy.

"The graduate programs are the meat of the name change," Nodler said.

León said the medical community might bear an influence on the direction of the University.

"The Joplin area is a significant medical center," he said. "The medical field is evolving so fast with so many new discoveries and health care professions being created that it is altogether possible that this institution might play a significant part in that regard."

León said an associate's degree was all that was required to take the nursing boards, now UMKC offers a graduate level program in the form of the nurse practitioner's degree.

The University is seeking to partner with UMKC to offer such a program here.

Whatever direction the University takes, León said the University will be a new kind of institution. In the future, universities will have to be different than in the past, he said.

"Other universities responded to the needs of the 20th century," León said. "We will respond to the needs of the 21st century better than the others because we will be less constrained by old ways."

Russell said there are other obstacles the name change may help Joplin overcome.

"Sometimes when you talk about Missouri Southern, other parts of the state don't know about it," he said.

Russell said sometimes there is the notion that if it's not St. Louis, Warrensburg or Columbia, education does not happen there.

"That will diminish with the name change," he said

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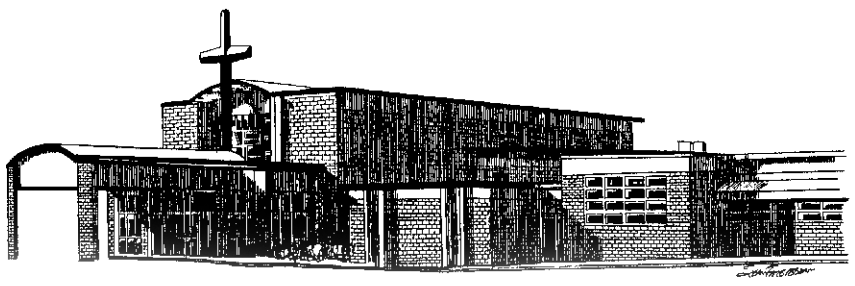

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University takes stand against hackers

Southern looks to firewalls to stop hackers, tries to help save campus computers

BY JESSICA MACINTOSH
Online Editor

Hackers can be a problem, but not an unanticipated one.

The computer center has ways of protecting against hackers trying to access the computers on campus.

"The main way we know is we have a firewall," said Steve Earney, assistant vice president for information services.

A firewall protects the computers against hackers attempting to come in and hack into the system.

The firewall blocks certain IP addresses and certain signatures that hackers use.

"It actually tells us that people are probing or trying to come in," Earney said. "Then it is programmed to look for certain patterns. We can see if we are having more or less activity because of the software."

As part of blocking out hackers' IP addresses, the computer center also watches the traffic on the network.

"It is hard to judge what is legit traffic and what is not legit traffic," said Albert Stadler, network administrator for information services at the computer center. "Ten percent of our line that comes in is bad traffic, and we just throw it away."

Targeting schools and businesses where there is weak security, hackers find ways to hack into the computers.

"It is just like a prowler at your home," Stadler said. "They are looking for a weakness."

Earney said universities are typically known to have weak security and some have research hackers want to go in and access.

"Most universities have high speed Internet access, which means the hackers can do it quickly and not have to waste a lot of time," he said. "Security at most universities is very laxed."

Along with searching for weak security points, hackers will use a tool called "denial of service attacks," which blocks out computer users from Web sites or the network.

"They put software on your machine," Earney said. "They set the software to send out viruses at certain times."

"[It is] more of disrupting service so you can't get to the Web page," Stadler said.

These hackers can do everything from wiping out one's hard drive to scrambling it.

"They may get into your address book and put some software on your PC," Earney said. "They will start sending mail that would look like it came from you. It might have a virus in it."

Earney said August was the worst month for hackers.

He said hackers sent out 36,000 packets every five minutes of each day.

"Probably a lot of it was because school was starting," he said.

Students should protect themselves against hackers by using patches, virus scanners and a personal firewall.

"You can go to the store and get a personal firewall for $40 or $50," Earney said.

Or students can also obtain Zone Alarm off the Internet for free.

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Pitt State blocks Southern

BY TARA WALKER
Staff Writer

The Gorillas scratched their chests and grunted after they won a close battle against the original kings of the jungle — the Lions.

After losing the first and second games to Pittsburg State University, Sept. 18, with scores of 24-30 and 24-30, Missouri Southern's volleyball team came back to win the third and fourth games with scores of 30-22 and 33-31, but lost the final game with a score of 13-15. Head coach Debbie Traywick said the game was an exciting one with a good turn out, partly because of the rivalry between the schools.

"PSU is a big rival because of the proximity of it, and they have become a bigger rival in the last three years," Traywick said. "Our record with PSU is 45-17, so we have pretty much controlled the rivalry, but the last four years it has been close back and fourth."

The drive created by rivalry may have helped Kim Mutert, senior setter to become Southern's career leader in assists. Mutert contributed 52 assists to the game, giving her a career total of 3,728. Mutert is a four year starter and an "integral part of Southern's program," Traywick said.

"She works hard and is very athletic and very competitive," Traywick said. "Kim is a very athletic setter. She can move very fast and very quick. She can get to a lot of balls. She has been a good player and person to have on the team."

"I was very excited, although volleyball is a team sport, I could not do it on my own," Mutert said. "This is something I will have with me for the rest of my life."

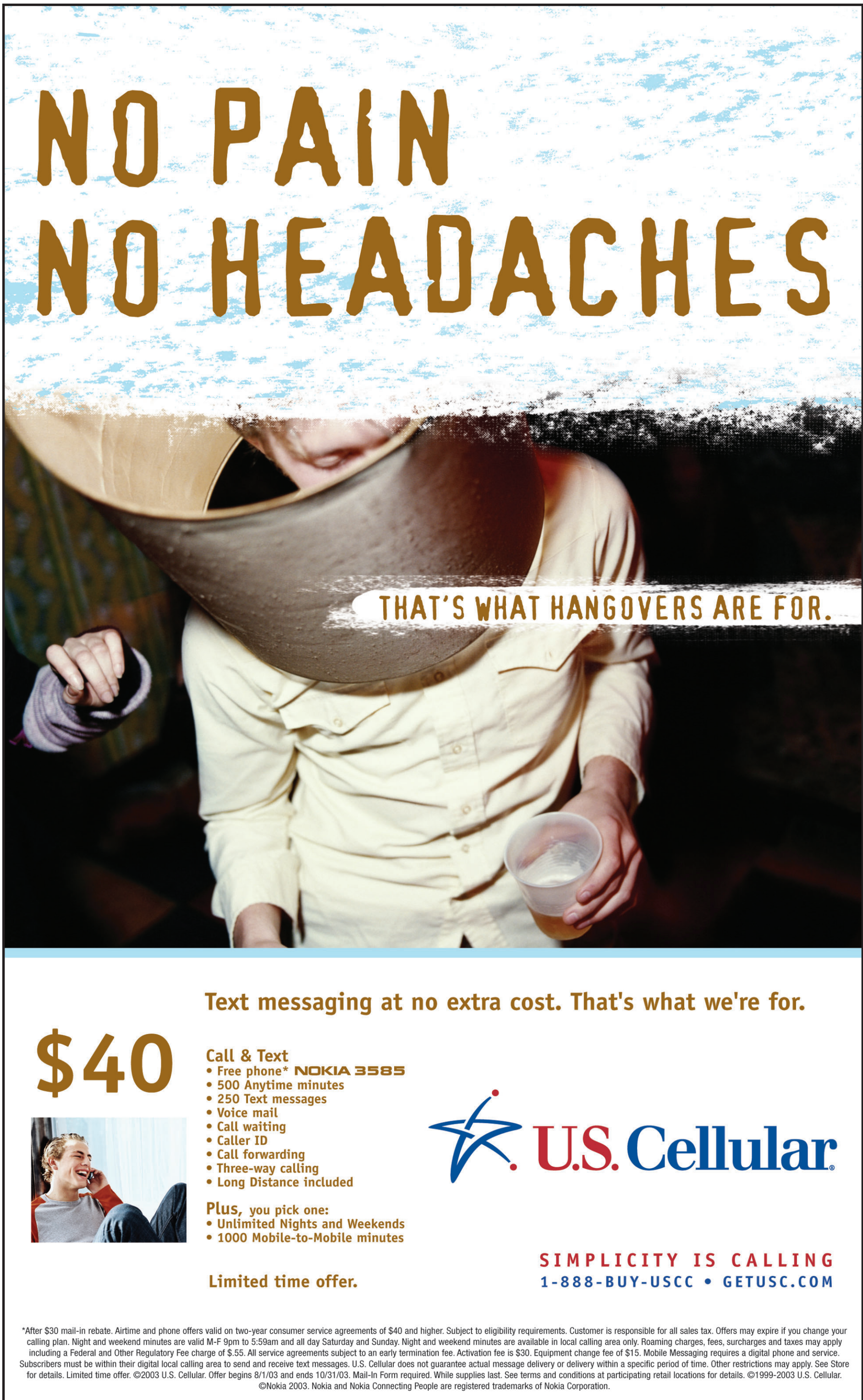
The team suffered another loss Sept. 24, to Washburn University with scores of 19-30, 25-30 and 25-30.

"It's very frustrating because we did not play as well as we know we are capable of playing," Traywick said.

With a conference record of 1-2, it is still early in conference play she said.

"In volleyball you play a match on Wednesday, then you play two matches on the weekend," Traywick said. "It's not like football where you have one game a week and you prepare for that game. We have to prepare for four or five matches at a time."

The volleyball team's next three games are all home at 7 p.m. Friday against Emporia State University, noon Saturday, Sept. 27 against Central Missouri State University, and 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1 against Missouri Western State College.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Player earns conference recognition

BY MELISSA BLANCHARD
Staff Writer

Missouri Southern women's soccer kicked in the right direction Sept. 20-21.

The Lions traveled eight hours to South Dakota only to be beaten by North Dakota State University on Sept. 20, 4-0. The Lions improved themselves on Sept. 21 against the University of South Dakota, winning 3-1.

Tara Reisner, junior forward was named MIAA Player of the Week for her performance on Sunday.

"It was unexpected, it's all about teamwork and everyone playing off of each other," she said.

Reisner had two goals and an assist Sept. 21 against USD.

"We were able to possess the ball a lot better on Sunday and forced the other team to defend the ball," said Trevor Wachsman, head women's soccer coach.

"We really came together on Sunday," said Jessica Buhman, freshman defender. "If we can play that well on the rest of our games, we should do really well."

As of now, the Lions are undefeated in the conference, 1-0-1. Southern's overall record is 2-4-1; the tie came against the University of Missouri-Rolla.

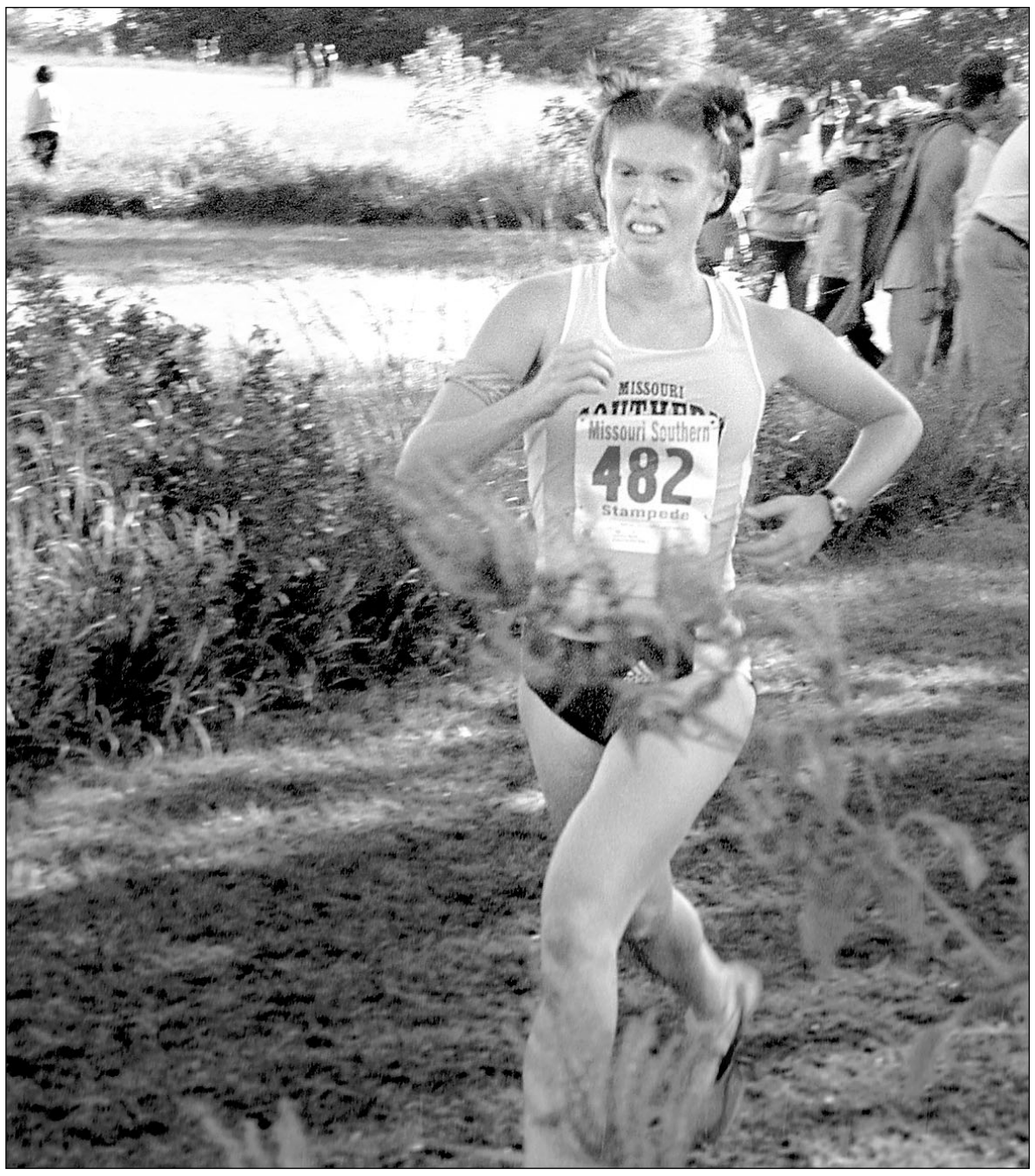
"We have a really positive attitude and we can win a lot of games with this positive attitude and lots of hard work," said Noel Klapp, freshman forward.

"We've done a good job trying to learn from each game," Wachsman said. "We are getting stronger with each game and hopefully that trend continues. The team is working really hard. It is just a matter of taking training into the game and lasting for 90 minutes."

There is a maximum of 20 hours of practice a week, two hours a day for four to five days a week and an average of two games a week.

"Truman State is a tough team," Wachsman said. "They've been to the national tournament and they expect to win."

For the Lions to win versus TSU, Reisner said the team would need to play like it did against USD. The next game for the Lions is at 7 p.m. Monday Oct. 6 at home against TSU.



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Senior Rachel McGowan finished in the top 40 at the Southern Stampede. The Lions placed sixth.

Lions stride to sixth

BY DAVID HAUT
Staff Writer

Missouri Southern's women's cross country team took sixth in its own meet Sept. 20.

The race gathered a grand total of approximately 1,000 entries from more than 20 schools.

Four Division I schools competed in the race, including the University of Oklahoma and the winner, Southwest Missouri State University.

Leading the Lions was senior Jen Noelken placing 17th in the women's 6-kilometer run. Other top 40 finishers were sophomore Megan Russell, senior Rachel McGowan and junior Ashley Caffey.

Other finishers were junior Alisha Adams, sophomore Jessica Deatrick and freshman Kate Brittan.

"[We didn't finish] as well as I expected to," Caffey said. "We've all been kind of sick this week."

Southern finished with a total time of 1 hour, 34 minutes, 54 seconds, averaging 18 minutes, 58 seconds. Four women finished in the top 40, leading the team to a 153 point total.

"We raced some of our conference teams," Caffey said. "It was nice to see how we're starting to stack up. We're right where we need to be."

On Oct. 4, the team travels to Rolla to compete in the Miner Invitational. Next, the Lions travel to Edwardsville, Ill to face the University of Southern Illinois–Edwardsville.

Southern is currently ranked fourth in the South Central region.

Lions look for first win of season

BY PHILIP MARTIN
Sports Editor

If the men's soccer team thinks the win will come, it will come.

The Missouri Southern Lions are 0-6 on the season after coming off a tough loss to the University of Central Arkansas Sept. 20, 3-2. A referee called the game nine minutes into the first overtime. Freshman forward B.J. Wylie said he was upset about the call from the referee.

"There's nothing we can do about it now," Wylie said. "We've just got to move on to the next game."

During the game the Lions were down 2-0 at halftime. After the half, Wylie scored the only two shots for Southern, unassisted from the left wing. Sammy Tejada of UCA scored the game-winning goal eight minutes into overtime, clinching the game for the UCA Bears.

Head men's soccer coach Kiley Cirillo said overtime was a heartbreaker because the team showed a lot of character that hasn't been shown for the last couple of games.

"They really felt like they could have won that game and so do I," Cirillo said. "They didn't walk away with their heads down. I didn't let them do that."

Cirillo said he encourages his team to think positive. The team thinks it can take the loss and help turn the team around.

"I think we're going to get our first win," he said.

"The guys feel confident and we're going to walk away saying 'I feel sorry for Missouri Valley.'"

Wylie said the first win will come and he hopes the win will come during the Friday game against Missouri Valley College.

Sophomore midfielder Patrick Hill said for the upcoming game, the team is practicing as it has been before previous games.

The Lions are working on their shots through the midfield.

"We're preparing to go in and have a battle on our hands," Cirillo said.

"Go into that with the mind frame, hey let's get the win and play the game that we know."

Cirillo said it is hard for the team to keep a positive attitude with a record of 0-6.

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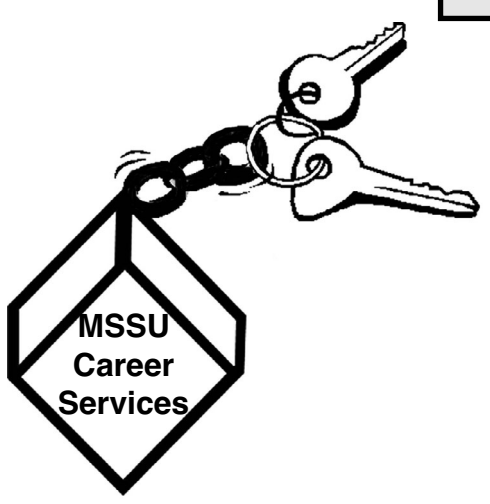

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UMR	7	14	7	8	— 35

First Quarter

MSSU — Mothershed 1 yd run (Komen kick failed), 13:02. UMR — Moss 28 yd pass from Becker (Armbruster kick), 8:17. MSSU — Willard 1 yd run (Winfrey pass), 4:45. MSSU — Tayor 1 yd run (Komen kick), 2:36.

Second Quarter

UMR — Nwosu 0 yd blocked punt return (Armbruster kick), 14:10. UMR — Fischer 37 yd pass from Becker (Armbruster kick), 6:52. MSSU — Komen 23 yd field goal, 3:16. MSSU — Proctor 4 yd run (Komen kick), 0:22.

Third Quarter

MSSU — Komen 26 yd field goal, 8:02. MSSU — Murphy s16 yd pass from Mothershed (Komen kick), 3:51. UMR — Stosic 51 yd pass from Becker (Armbruster kick), 0:51.

Fourth Quarter

UMR — Lester 27 yd run (Armbruster kick), 11:48. MSSU — Willard 4 yd run (Hilburn pass), 4:59.

Women's Soccer

Sept. 16 Results

MSSU	0	3	— 3
USD	1	0	— 1

MSSU Scoring: Reisner (unassisted), Reisner (unassisted), Lee (Reisner).

USD Scoring: Taryn (Atkinson)

Men's Soccer

Sept. 20 Results

MSSU	0	2	0	— 2
UCA	2	0	1	— 3

MSSU Scoring: Wylie (unassisted), Wylie (unassisted)

UCA Scoring: Black (unassisted), Black (Tejada), Tejada (unassisted)

Volleyball

Sept. 24 Results

MSSU	19	25	25
WU	30	30	30

Cross Country

Sept. 20 Results

Women's

School	Points
SMSU	52
OU	98
HU	113
TSU	135
PSU	136
MSSU	153
OBU	165
SBU	205
DU	270
MANU	293

Men's

UA	32
HU	93
SMSU	132
OU	158
MSSU	178
MANU	201
OSU	221
UMR	2 47
CC	265
ECU-OK	289

Southern Schedule

Sept. 26

Volleyball home against Emporia State University @ 7 p.m.

Men's Soccer home against Missouri Valley @ 7 p.m.

Sept. 27

Volleyball home against Central Missouri State University @ noon

Football @ CMSU

Oct. 1

Volleyball home against Missouri Western State College @ 7 p.m.

Men's Soccer @ John Brown

Women's Soccer @ Northwest

Who's on first? Find out. Read *The Chart*

Photos by Andy Tevis/The Chart

Kokain Mothershed, senior mass communications major, started as quarterback for the Lions after serving a season as a strong safety.

Trials & Tribulations

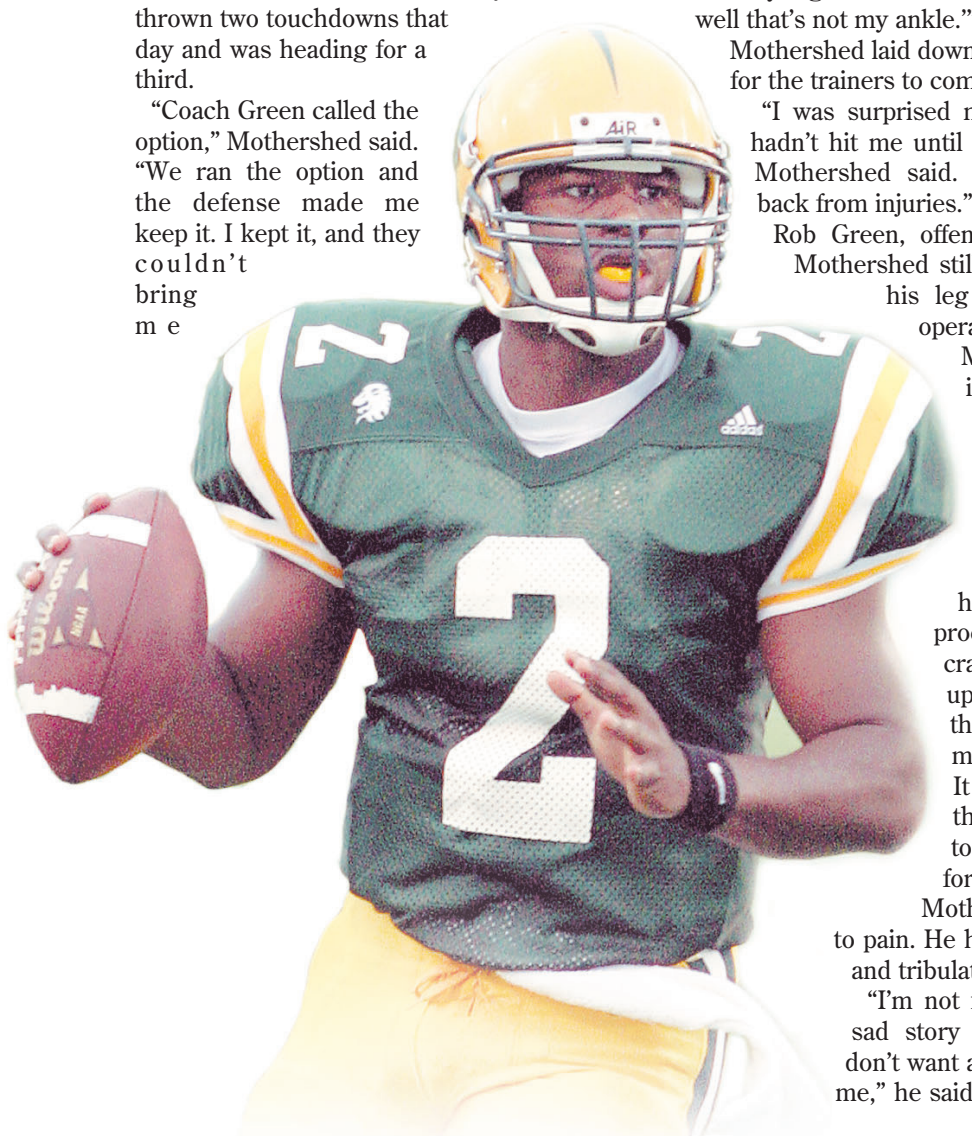
Mothershed overcomes obstacles of life, football

BY PHILIP MARTIN
Sports Editor

During the first half of a scrimmage, the starting quarterback took the snap and looked for an open receiver. Before he could throw the ball, two different defenders sacked him.

This is one moment Kokain Mothershed, senior quarterback, will never forget. During Mothershed's sophomore year, he did almost that exact play on the fourth play of the game for the Northeastern Oklahoma A&M Golden Norsemen. He had already thrown two touchdowns that day and was heading for a third.

"Coach Green called the option," Mothershed said. "We ran the option and the defense made me keep it. I kept it, and they couldn't bring me down. I stood up and my leg was in the pile and a linebacker came and hit me."



Mothershed had a lineman on the bottom of his leg. When the linebacker hit him, he twisted with the lineman still holding on to his leg.

When he twisted, his leg stayed, and he heard a pop.

"What is so crazy about it is when I heard it," he said.

"Because I always had ankle problems back in the history of my career, I thought it was my ankle. It didn't hurt or anything like that. I heard it pop; I thought 'Oh, my ankle.' I looked down and my leg is all twisted up and I'm like, 'OK, well that's not my ankle.'"

Mothershed laid down on the field and called for the trainers to come help him off.

"I was surprised more than anything; it hadn't hit me until I was at the hospital," Mothershed said. "I've always bounced back from injuries."

Rob Green, offensive coordinator, said Mothershed still has pins and rods in his leg from the break and operation.

Mothershed said the injury "bothers" him every now and then, but he doesn't let it show.

"After going through that, I think I have great pain tolerance," he said. "The healing process of a broken leg is crazy. I don't wish that upon anybody. Anything that breaks me down and makes me cry is painful. It hurts every now and then, and I'm not going to use that as an excuse for anything I do."

Mothershed is no exception to pain. He has gone through trials and tribulations his whole life.

"I'm not for bringing out some sad story about me, because I don't want anyone to feel sorry for me," he said. "Everything that happens to people happens for a reason. It makes you stronger; it makes you wiser; it makes you smarter about decisions that you are going to make for the rest of your life. I just take it as a blessing — the trials that I go through."

Green believes the break taught Mothershed patience on and off the field.

"Here's a young man that's getting ready to be starting quarterback his sophomore year in college and receives a huge emotional and physical setback," he said.

"Looking at that standpoint, that's the attitude of Kokain Mothershed. Here's a guy who had to overcome a lot throughout his life to get to where he is at."

Green has known Mothershed for five years since he started coaching at NEO the same year Mothershed started college.

"I came in the spring after recruiting was done at NEO," Green said. "And when they informed me that we had a young player coming in whose first name was Kokain, I'm sure you could imagine the first thoughts that went through my mind. In fact, I made a comment to one of the other coaches sarcastically 'I'm sure we'll get along fine.'"

After Green got to know Mothershed, he said he has nothing but "the deepest amount of respect and appreciation as a person and a football player."

Mothershed said he received his name from his grandfather's nickname.

"It (my name) came from my grandfather," he said.

"His name is Clarence Fugett but they called him 'Daddy Koke.' We both have the same birthday and he's from Duncan, Okla. My family, I guess got it from him."

Mothershed said his family calls him 'Koke' after his grandfather.

Mothershed has returned from his broken leg and is returning to the quarterback position after a year as strong safety. After that year, Mothershed said he has to get back into the repetition of being the quarterback. So far this season, he has a total of 599 yards — 478 passing and 121 rushing for three games.

Mothershed is averaging 199.7 yards per game.

His mantra seems to be "everything happens for a reason."

Lions snap losing streak, face problematic Mules

BY JEREMIAH COOK
Staff Writer

The Lions snapped their losing streak on Sept. 20 defeating the University of Missouri-Rolla, 49-35.

The last time the Missouri Southern Lions football team lost to the University of Missouri-Rolla Miners was in 1994, since then the Lions have gone 8-0 in the series, and on Sept. 20, they were looking to run that to 9-0. The Lions raced out to a 21-7 lead in the first quarter of play, and by halftime they held a 31-21 advantage. With the ground game and solid special teams play, the Lions held on for the win. As a team, the Lions finished with 497 yards, for a 6.0 yards per play average. Senior running back Darvin Willard led the way in the Lions rushing attack, racking up 111 yards on the ground and two touchdowns. The 6-2, 195 lbs. Willard would end the day with 162 total yards. But perhaps his biggest contribution came midway through the fourth quarter. With Southern holding on to lead by a slim six point margin and Rolla threatening to take the lead on their next possession, the Lions' offense failed to convert on third and nine from the fifty and was forced into a punting situation. Southern punter Brandon Hawkins sent the ball to the Rolla 23 yard line, where Miners' defensive back Lamar Baker fumbled the ball. Once again, Willard played a roll in a key play for Southern, recovering the fumble and setting Mothershed and the rest of the offense up with great field position.

Four plays and approximately two minutes later, the Lions had extended their lead to a 14-point advantage. Kokain Mothershed ran the ball 17 times for 101 yards and a touchdown and passed for another 207 yards and a touchdown.

"It was a momentum changer," said Bill Cooke, head football coach. "If they had fielded that punt and scored, there's a good chance that they could have beaten us. So that was a huge play, a game-breaker-play for us. They're a good football team, and they're well coached even though they haven't won a conference game in about three years. They play hard and they played to the end."

"It felt good to move the ball and to score a few points," said Rob Green, Southern offensive coordinator.

The Lions will take their undefeated conference record on the road this week to Warrensburg to play the Central Missouri State Mules. The Mules are 3-0 overall and 1-0 in conference play after they defeated the then nationally ranked Northwest Missouri State University Bearcats in Maryville 52-24. Coming into the game, the Mules are ranked third in the MIAA in points allowed per game (14.3) and first in points forced per game (54.7). Central is averaging 225.3 yards per game rushing, where as the Lions' defense is giving up 91.7 yards per game.

Central and Southern are first and third in the MIAA in rushing defense, respectively. Conversely, the Lions are going to the ground to the tune of 169 yards per game on average, while the Mules are giving up 6.7 yards per game.

"They (Central) are a run to throw, smash-mouth, challenge your manhood team," Cooke said.

The Lions do hold the edge in overall series between the two foes, going 13-9-2 in the schools' 24 meetings. During that span they have gone 6-5-1 in Warrensburg, but haven't won there since 1995.

Kickoff is set for 1:30 p.m. at Audrey J. Walton Stadium in Warrensburg.